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## **ELEVENTH EDITION OF THE WORLD POLICY CONFERENCE RABAT, MOROCCO / 26-28 OCTOBER 2018**

Founded in 2008 by Thierry de Montbrial, Chairman of the French Institute of Foreign Relations (Ifri), the World Policy Conference (WPC) will be holding its eleventh edition from October 26-28, 2018, in Rabat, Morocco. The WPC's mission is to reflect upon and to come up with solutions to the constant upheavals of today's world and to create lasting bonds between the participants. This international conference gives a voice to political, economic, academic and media players from over 40 countries - from major powers to medium and small countries, including emerging countries, thus ensuring a diversity and plurality of debates. The event has become a not-to-be-missed forum on the global governance agenda and has ranked 3rd best Think Tank Conference in 2017 according to The Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) at the Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania '2017 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report'.

More than 250 international leading figures will participate, including: Jean-Paul Agon (Chairman and CEO of L'Oréal), Olivier Blanchard (former Economic Counselor and Director of the Research Department, IMF), Josep Borrell (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Spain), Nasser Bourita (Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Morocco), Karl Brauner (Deputy Director-General, WTO), Patrick de Castelbajac (Head of Airbus Strategy and International), Ronnie Chan (Chairman, Hang Lung Properties Limited), Chang Dae-whan (Chairman & Publisher, Maekyung Media Group), Amadou Gon Coulibaly (Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire), Tsakhia Elbegdorj (former President of Mongolia), Laurent Fabius (Chairman of the French Constitutional Council, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of France), Ichiro Fujisaki (President of Nakasone Peace Institute), Carlos Ghosn (Chairman and CEO of Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi), Salim Jreissati (Minister of Justice of Lebanon), Karin Kneissl (Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria), Jean-Yves Le Gall (President of CNES), Staffan de Mistura (UN Special Envoy for Syria), Nobuo Tanaka (former Executive Director of the International Energy Agency), Aminata Touré (former Prime Minister of Senegal), Jean-Claude Trichet (former President of the European Central Bank), László Trócsányi (Minister of Justice of Hungary), Hubert Védrine (former Minister of Foreign Affairs of France), Wang Jisi (President of the Institute of the International and Strategic Studies, Peking University), Lionel Zinsou (former Prime Minister of Benin).

The following topics will be discussed: major economic challenges in the next five years, Russia's futures, religion and politics in China, the impact of a connected world on global governance, migration and the future of multiculturalism, the future of the euro, the consequences of Trump, the One Belt One Road initiative, basic European strategic issues, the North Korean issue.

The work of this eleventh edition will also cover issues such as international trade, education, development in Africa, energy and climate, the state of the world economy and many further topics.